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## SPEAR PLAN

### Conclusion of Comments on This Proposed Plan

(By P. L. Axling.)

If any one can show me a better method of inducing a large membership than the Spear plan of making the association paper go to every one who sends in his fees and becomes a member, or that of making a member without extra charge of every deaf-mute who subscribes for the paper, I would like to have it. You have to give some inducement for any one to dig up two good hard dollars and send them on to the secretary for a membership certificate. In no plan but the Spear plan is the matter of finances set forth strongly. Most of the others go over to the other end of the road and discuss details that will never happen until we have the association on a good financial basis. 'Tis like building the house from the roof down. Architects are supposed to know enough not to try that.

The suggested laws of the Spear plan are plain. They embody the incorporation of the association, then the main points to make up the by-laws. The executive committee will have the management of the affairs and the many details of conducting the affairs of the organization will have to be worked out as time goes on. For this reason the executive committee must be composed of men who understand the fundamental principles of business.

Granted that you want the N. A. D. to become a strong organization and be ever at work for the best interests of the deaf, how do you expect to accomplish this without a permanent headquarters, a man permanently in charge and matters conducted just as any other business organization would be conducted? In a recent issue the editor of The Observer suggested that it would be well to leave out these fundamental matters and try to run the business of the association by hiring clerical help, dispensing with it as work became slack. If that were to be the way to conduct the affairs of the association, supposing that it is established on a business basis, permit me to ask if you, Mr. Editor, would invest two or three thousand dollars in a printing plant, start a business, and then turn it over to a few clerks to run? How long would it take them to run it into the ground?

(Get a new pair of glasses, Mr. Axling, and read again. What we said was; "The President is and always should remain at the head of an organization. Instead of a salaried secretary let the president be authorized to hire

### PEOPLE WILL TALK.

You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow,  
If you listen to all that is said as you go;  
You'll be worried and fretted, and kept in a stew,  
For meddlesome tongues will have something to do,  
For people will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed  
That your humble position is only assumed;  
You're a wolf in a sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool,  
But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool,  
For people will talk.

If generous and noble they'll vent out their spleen,  
You'll hear some loud hints that you're selfish and mean;  
If upright and honest, and fair as the day,  
They'll call you a rogue in a sly, sneaking way,  
For people will talk.

And, then, if you show the least boldness of heart,  
Or a slight inclination to take your own part,  
They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;  
But keep straight ahead; don't stop to explain,  
For people will talk.

If threadbare your dress, or old-fashioned your hat,  
Some one will surely take notice of that,  
And hint rather strong that you can't say your way;  
But don't get excited, whatever they say,  
For people will talk.

If you dress in the fashion, don't think to escape,  
For they criticize then in a different shape;  
You're ahead of your means, or your tailors' unpaid;  
But mind your own business; there's naught to be made,  
For people will talk.

Now, the best way to do is to do as you please,  
For your mind, if you have one, will then be at ease.  
Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse,  
But don't think to stop them; it ain't any use,  
For people will talk.

—The Trestle Board.

clerical assistance as needed. This has its advantage in that if there is work to do it can be done; if not, why we do not have an idle horse in the barn eating his head off."—Ed.)

There is a national organization known as the International Typographical Union. It is perhaps the most powerful organization in the United States. Every member of a local typographical union becomes a member of the international union, under certain restrictions. Every individual member of local unions has one vote on the election of officers of the international body, as well as on every important subject affecting the conduct of the main body and its relation to the local unions. The international body has permanent headquarters in Indianapolis, where both the president and the secretary reside. There is so much work that both these men are kept busy, and each

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## CHICAGO

### The "Frat" City As Seen by A Stranger Within The Gates

(By E. L. Schuman)

"Are you a 'Frat'?" Are you a 'Frat'?" These are the questions which hail down upon a deaf man if he happens to land in Chicago and meets any of the "silent" people there. This has grown into a habit to many of them, so they even ask it before they ask the usual interrogation of the deaf when they meet a stranger, "Where are you from?" As we sadly shook our head in the negative, we were soon overloaded with literature and eloquent speeches in praise of the "Frats," which is nothing more or nothing less than a "business-like" fraternal insurance society for the deaf. The society was organized in 1901 and has since then had quite a variable record. So much about the "Frats."

Almost every deaf person, I should think, has heard more or less about the Pas-A-Pas Club in Chicago. This club is the leading organization among the deaf in the Windy City. It came into existence as early as 1882—a good while before most of us younger folks saw the light of day. The club is incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. The object of the club is to help the deaf in the line of education, and otherwise to uplift and watch over their welfare.

The club room is decorated with handsome pictures of the two Gallaudets—father and son. Pictures of conventions, picnics and individuals decorate the walls. A billiard table for the youthful sports is also standing in the room. A paper rack with papers from the various schools was also to be found, but to our great surprise not a single magazine was kept on file. With such a club as the Pas-A-Pas, one should expect to find a number of the leading magazines, but, as said, none came to my observation.

During my stay in Chicago I had the good opportunity to see two lectures. The first was given by the Rev. Cloud of St. Louis. He had chosen as his subject, "Eugene Field and His Works." Of course with such a master of the sign language as Rev. Cloud we received a treat that can hardly be equalled. But one thing more while I am upon this subject—Criticism, you may call it. The pastor talks too fast. During the one and a half hours which his lecture lasted his hands did not get a rest of half a minute, but continued as a human mechanism. No one could get a second of rest in which to think—only to follow the speaker's motions or you would miss

the whole. I for my own part prefer Dr. Smith or Mr. Codman in delivering an address. Perhaps another phase of it was that Rev. Cloud's address was free, and as such we could not expect much; at any rate we did not lose anything. On the next Sunday he preached, and then he talked considerably slower.

The other lecture was given by C. C. Codman. He had chosen as his subject, "Quo Vadis" ("Whither goeth thou?"). It was rendered in a masterly way that certainly did credit to the speaker. The income from this lecture was to go to the Home Fund.

Among the veterans of the printers are Messrs. Hunter and White. Mr. Hunter has been at the printing stand for 33 years. He learned the printing trade in 1874 on the *Kentucky Standard*. He now works for the Wm. Johnston Printing Co.

Almost all of the deaf printers in Chicago are job printers, as that is now almost the only branch left for handwork. The rest is done either on the linotype or the monotype machines.

A well-known figure from the Pacific Coast was Mr. Kohn. Up to a recent time he conducted a shoe store, but recently he sold out and now he goes around sporting on what he has earned in by-gone days. Mr. Kohn, by the way, is an enthusiastic billiard player and if any one wants a cue he will find a ready opponent in him.

Messrs. Tomlinson and Henry, both graduates from Gallandet College, respectively '08 and '09, are working for the big printing concern, Rand, McNally & Co. After graduating from college Mr. Tomlinson attended the Engineering Department of the Michigan "U." Lack of funds compelled him to lay down his studies there indefinitely. Mr. Henry, editor-in-chief of the *Buff and Blue* last year, is out on his maiden trip, as far as work is concerned. He seemed to know very well the number of houses and streets near the "U" at Seattle. Ask somebody around there why.

The deaf people in Chicago seem to have a variety of vocations. Some are working as switch operators for an electric telephone company. Among those who work for this company is Mr. Engle, a roommate of Mr. Tomlinson. However, the deaf are said to be better operators than the "average" hearing person.

While I was in Chicago I also attended a masquerade ball given by the "Frats" on Washington's birthday. Not much can be said about it except that I, at least, was surprised when I found out that the Messrs. "Frats" charged 15 cents extra for checking overcoats, hats, etc. To me I must confess it was a great surprise, for in this respect they even beat the monopolistic railroad stands.

Mr. Hansen, lately of Sioux Falls, S. D., was the only deaf man I met in Chicago whom I had seen before. He works in a harness shop now. All the rest were strangers to me.

Being true disciples of Mr. Hansen's teaching, "Root out the imposters," I can not refrain from telling about a little incident which Mr. Henry and I had one evening while we were on our way from the club to the elevated train. We went into a drug store to get a soft drink and to write a few postals. While so doing a fellow came in and presented us with a sheet of paper on which he had written, "I am deaf and dumb and am in great need of help." An examination convinced

as that the fellow was an imposter. A police was found, and then to the surprise of all he got his tongue so that it was almost impossible for us to open our mouth. We were all taken to the police station, but I tell you, my friends, that I for my part did not enjoy the ride in the patrol wagon any better than a common street car ride. The next day he was sent to the workhouse for three months, so he is still enjoying free board at the expense of the city of Chicago.

I feel convinced that those out West with whom I am acquainted will ask why I have been in Chicago in the middle of a college term. The answer is short: Eye trouble compelled me to lay aside my studies for a short time. To go loafing is not my way of taking things, so I resolved to go to Chicago to learn to operate the linotype machine. Then I packed my suit case and left for the Windy City. At the time I attended the Inland Printer Technical School there was also another deaf man there taking the course. His name is P. W. Haner, from Kansas City, Kans. He is now working as a linotype operator for a printing firm in his home town at \$20 a week. The writer was also offered a good job as operator, but preferred to continue his literary training at college instead.

#### PORTLAND, OREGON.

The Portland D. M. Society held its business meeting Saturday night, the 5th ult, at the Y. M. C. A. The most important business transacted was the adoption of several new rules in regard to meeting hour, duties of committees and fines. It was also decided to have them printed in book-form at the Washington State School for the Deaf.

The next meeting, which occurs on the 2nd of April, will be a literary meeting. Mrs. J. O. Reichle with W. Theirman will debate against Mr. A. Van Emon with Miss B. B. Bond upon the following question, Resolved that "A Greater Discoverer and a Man was Columbus than Livingstone."

Members of the Portland D. M. Society are arranging to give an entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Hall on either the 6th or the 13th of April. The programme will no doubt be unusually interesting. Present indications are that it will be the best in the history of the Deaf of Portland. Fifty cents will probably be charged for admission and the proceeds are to go to the benefit of the Chefoo school in China.

Mrs. W. Theirman had a pleasant visit from her brother-in-law, Dr. C. H. Sexton, who is a professional dentist in Seattle, Wash., the middle part of last month.

There were a quiet reception and a party last month. The former was given to not only deaf church members but to non-members also by Rev. Du Bo's and his wife, Tuesday night, the 22nd. The latter was in honor of Mrs. Renna Jorg's birthday and was given by Mr. and Mrs. Gromachey at their home in St. John's suburb, Saturday

night, the 26th.

A merry crowd of mutes, namely, Mrs. Morton, Mr. Chas. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lines, Mr. and Mrs. A. Fisher, went over to Vancouver, Wash., to give a surprise party to Mr. and Mrs. C. Reeves, Saturday night, the 5th ult.

For quite a long while we noticed that Chas. Lawrence was not usually seen among us up town each Saturday night. Instead he went across the river to a town with a population of fifteen thousand. Wonder what mightily attracts him down there! Really, ye scribe ought to get busy.

Mr. Claiborne F. Jackson, a young deaf man from Iowa, has ventured out in pursuit of a fortune in Cuba. In Minas, Camaguey, Cuba, he is busy working on his 80-acre ranch trying to make a success of raising citrus fruit. He found the tract of land a tangle of timber two years ago. Now he has it cleared. He built a house and stable and planted fruit trees. The grapefruit trees yield from two to six thousand dollars from every ten acres. He finds the Cuban climate entirely to his liking and says the work is grand and fascinating.—Maryland Bulletin.

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## SPEAR PLAN

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has his duties cut out for him and they do not inter-mix. The international union publishes a newspaper or magazine, through which the news of the printing world is disseminated regularly, and in which all union matters are printed. Every union printer gets the magazine, whether he cares to have it or not, merely through paying his proportion of the dues to the international union.

There is nothing complicated about the management of this gigantic organization. The laws governing its conduct are voluminous, but when the international organization was started these laws were as few and as simple as we are trying to make them under the Spear plan. As the union grew new laws became necessary, and they were made to fit conditions as they existed. We can find in this organization a good example of what is possible with well-directed effort on the part of every member of our organization.

### A LONG-FELT WANT SUPPLIED.

The editor of the Palmetto Leaf some time ago expressed a yearning for something to enliven the l. p. f., a longing for something vital and soul-inspiring: in short, an idea.

The editor of the Hawkeye attempted to supply the long-felt want by proposing this topic: "Do Deaf Ears Freeze Quicker than Ordinary Ears?" and undertook to start things by taking a fling at the subject himself.

But we think we have the vital subject for discussion:

The Palmetto Leaf was being scanned the other day for news of our friend Laurens, when this item caught our eye:

"Pink Smoak received some ugly valentines from his friend."

Why is smoke pink in South Carolina?—Kansas Star.

### DR. WESTERVELT SAILS FOR ITALY.

Dr. Z. F. Westervelt, who is at the head of the Rochester, N. Y., deaf school, sailed March 19, for Italy. He will be gone six months. Although not really ill, he was much in need of a rest, which his friends prevailed upon him to take.

Dr. Latimer is acting superintendent during Dr. Westervelt's absence. He is assisted by Mr. Woods, vice principal, and Miss McNall.

Signs are not used in the Rochester school, the manual alphabet being the medium of communication, and good results in teaching English are obtained.

### FOR MR. HANSON? OF COURSE!

I have been asked a very pointed question—which clamors for a reply "Are you not for Mr. Hanson for President of the N. A. D?" Evidently the questioner is curious to know for whom I shall vote.

I can afford to gratify this bit of curiosity by replying simply:

If I am fortunate enough to be at Colorado Spring next August, my vote will be unanimously cast for

MR. OLOF HANSON.

PANSY.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 15, 1910.

### WHERE DO A CLERGYMAN'S DUTIES END?

In The Silent Success of March 10, 1910, I note Mr. F. R. Gray, of Allegheny, Pa., has seconded the motion made by Mr. J. C. Howard of Duluth, Minn., to the nomination of Rev. J. H. Cloud of St. Louis, Mo., to the secretaryship of the N. A. D. at Colorado Springs, Colo.

As a member of the N. A. D., also a member of the Episcopal Church, I rise strongly against the aforesaid nomination of Rev. Mr. Cloud, inasmuch as I oppose henceforth any and all men who have taken the ordinance of the church to be elected to any of the three highest offices of the N. A. D.

Men who have given their lives to laboring in the clerical field have a vast area open before them and they should keep to their pulpits and respective missions.

The N. A. D. has today a large number of highly educated men and women among its members who are able wielders of the pen and fully qualified to fill the secretary's position in the Association, without the direct necessity of making a selection of the clergymen.

GERTRUDE E. M. NELSON,  
Member of Endowment Committee,  
N. A. D.  
Buffalo, N. Y.

### PENNSYLVANIA'S REPORT.

We have received a copy of the report of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb for 1908 and 1909. It is an exhaustive document.

L. E. Crouter, M.A., LL.D., is superintendent of the school.

The total enrollment of pupils for the year was 579, an increase of 25 over the previous year.

A rather surprising report is that 194 of the pupils were born deaf.

A blind deaf child is now a pupil there in the person of Kathryn Mary Frick, of Harrisburg.

Three hundred and seventy-six pupils are being taught in the industrial department, divided up as follows:

|                  |    |                  |     |
|------------------|----|------------------|-----|
| Baking .....     | 8  | Printing .....   | 26  |
| Bricklaying .... | 3  | Linotype work... | 4   |
| Plastering ....  | 4  | Shoemaking ...   | 30  |
| Stonelaying .... | 3  | Tailoring .....  | 45  |
| Cement work...   | 3  | Cooking .....    | 20  |
| Butchering ....  | 2  | Sewing .....     | 40  |
| Carpentering ... | 32 | Dressmaking ..   | 65  |
| Cabinet making   | 6  | Machinery work.  | 10  |
| Painting .....   | 10 | Housework ....   | 40  |
| Glazing .....    | 3  |                  |     |
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## LOCAL ITEMS

A. K. Waugh and family now reside at corner of Bell street and Seventh avenue.

—Although six months have elapsed since Otto Klawitter was injured, he is still unable to use his right arm to any extent.

A. H. Koberstein and Matt Treese leave for Alaska April 1st on the steamship Packard. They will spend the summer at that point.

—Judging from the taffy that is being fed C. K. McConnell during his stay in Iowa, his digestion will be ruined. Lucky he has a good nurse to take care of him when he gets home.

—Audley Curl, of Spokane, was in town last week getting acquainted and looking around. He left for Tacoma and from there will go to Mt. Lebanon, Oregon, to visit his parents.

—Max Gihardt has been in town for a few days. He leaves here for Sunnyside to spend a few weeks on his 160-acre ranch. The mills where he is employed at Bellingham are temporarily closed.

Ernest Swangren, of Selah, Wash., a product of the Minnesota school, spent a few days in Seattle since our last issue. He expects to join the Portland-Seattle-Spokane excursion to Colorado Springs next August.

—One year has now passed since church services for the deaf were started in Seattle. These services are always well attended, the attendance varying from 20 to 60 and the collection from \$1.50 to \$4. Olof Hanson has given his services free and gives an interesting discourse each Sunday. Services are held the third Sunday of each month at Trinity church, corner of James street and Eighth avenue.

## IT STAGGERED THE TREASURER.

La Conner, that little, hustling town on the famous Skagit oat flats, saw the jackpot deposited in the moving picture fund by Tacoma and decided to raise it to the limit. The treasurer was knocked breathless when he received a money order for \$20 as the result of the active canvass of H. W. Rock among his numerous friends up there. Mr. Rock conducts a harness shop in La Conner, and his friends helped out with a will.

Miss Carrie Blakeley said there was not the least trouble in getting the \$8 she turned into the fund, everyone contributing a mite with the greatest pleasure.

The actual cash on hand now amounts to \$56, while Albert Hole and Miss Georgia McFarland report they have about \$5 each to turn in. From the school at Vancouver we learn the collection there amounts to about \$10, and still growing.

The timid ones who have so far hesitated to use the blanks sent them by the state treasurer, A. W. Wright, should take courage from this and their friends will cheerfully contribute a mite to help their cause along.

The treasurer is now in a very receptive mood and will some one please tickle him with a \$40 check to send the fund upward with another whoop?

To the anvil chorus the following lines are dedicated:  
They thought we couldn't do it,  
And they thought we wouldn't try.  
But we got our little hatchet out—  
Just watch the feathers fly.  
We are bound to break the record.  
Or to know the reason why.

## ANTON SCHROEDER.

The lion of St. Paul leaped into town the forepart of the week of March 13-19. He departed on the 21st, leaving a trail of business success, merriment and good religious truths.

In a business way he reports his trip to Seattle very successful.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Olof Hanson gave a reception in his honor. As many of the local deaf as could be reached on short notice, were present. Mr. Schroeder led off with an address in which he praised Seattle and its deaf population and continuing he urged all to work tooth and nail to land our distinguished fellow-citizen Olof Hanson as president of the N. A. D.

"The N. A. D. must have," continued he, "a man at the head who is BRAINY, TRUE and JUST. We have such a man in Mr. Hanson."

A social evening was spent and cake and ice cream served by the hostess.

Sunday at the close of the church service Mr. Schroeder gave a talk on Hope, which was full of good religious truths.

Now that he has found the way and appreciates the greatness of Seattle, we expect to see him here often—if not permanently.

From Seattle he went to Portland.

## A NEW MEETING PLACE.

The next meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf will be held April 3 at 3 p. m. in Chamber of Commerce hall, Central building, corner of Third avenue and Columbia street. Take elevator to top floor and turn to the left.

The program will include a debate on the question of whether the East or West affords the most advantages to live in from a social, financial and climatic standpoint. Miss Cleon Morris will support the West and Miss Mabel Scanlan will endeavor to tip down the beam toward the East.

Others on the program will be Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Waugh, Albert Hole and Olof Hanson.

## TRESE IN BLOOM.

Matthew Treese blossomed out with a birthday party last Saturday night, although it was largely without any effort of his being a surprise.

Matt spent the day about town entirely unconscious that he was of any more importance than usual. His roommate prevailed upon him to spend the evening at home instead of going down town and the smiles of some of the young ladies added to this appeal carried the day.

About 15 of the local deaf were

present, refreshments were served and a royal good time had.

## SET HIM ONTO IMPOSTERS.

Under the new city administration Captain Michael Powers is police inspector. He has a deaf daughter in the person of Mrs. L. T. Rhiley of Butte. Mr. Powers ought to be valuable assistant in weeding out the imposters in this city.

## APRIL FOOL DAY.

Tomorrow is April 1st. If some one on the street corner asks you to help shoulder a bag of potatoes do not be accommodating or you may find yourself trying to pull up a water hydrant that has a potato bag slipped over it.

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## GOLDEN GATE GLEANINGS.

Sunday, March 6, fifteen young people, mostly members of the Four Bits Club, found themselves at the Muir woods a mile or so beyond Mt. Tamalpais, Mr. d'Estrella being their leader. They gasped with wonder at its natural beauty, and though they trailed around all day long, many wished for more of the magnificent scenery.

A reception to Clarence Doane of Los Angeles was given by the Gallaudet Assembly No. 14 in San Francisco on March 12. D. Tilden, K. Selig and W. S. Runde by turns gave short speeches which were responded to by Mr. Doane. An enjoyable evening was pleasantly spent in talking and dancing.

March 14 Miss Carrie Crawford entertained at her home in honor of May Ikin and her fiancé, Clarence Doane. About fifteen guests were invited—all of Berkeley—and they had a most enjoyable time.

The most important event of the season, socially, took place at St. Mark's Church, Berkeley, on March 17, when Miss May Ikin and Mr. Clarence Doane were united in marriage. Mr. Ernest Norton of San Francisco was the best man, while Lillian Ikin officiated as bridesmaid. Many friends and relatives enjoyed themselves at the reception at the bride's home in the evening. Amy Broderick caught the bridal bouquet.

The bridal couple took a short honeymoon, stopping over at several places on their way to Los Angeles, where they will make their home.

We all wish them a happy and prosperous future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Runde entertained several young friends at their home Saturday evening, March 19. All reported having had a jolly time.

Sunday, March 20, a small but enthusiastic crowd of deaf mutes met at the Congregational church in North Berkeley for the purpose of organizing a Christian Endeavor Society. Walter Lester presided over the meeting and Walter Broderick on behalf of the church encouraged it. Look-Out and Social committees were chosen. Amy Broderick gracefully recited "Nearer, My God, to Thee." As an aftermath refreshments were served at the home of one of the party.

San Francisco, on the west shore of the San Francisco bay, and Oakland, Berkeley, and Alameda on the east side present a peculiar situation, as regards the residence of the deaf. San Francisco, with five hundred thousand people, about half the bay population, contains by far the larger number of deaf people. Oakland with 300,000 residents has scarcely as many mutes as Berkeley, whose population is about 40,000. This state of affairs can partly be explained as due to the preponderance of business in San Francisco. Most of the factories are situated there. Oakland has long been known as San Francisco's "bedroom." Daily many thousands of commuters leave Oakland for San Francisco. Few of these are deaf, as the average deaf mute is employed at occupations which will not permit his residence at a distance from the metropolis, and consequent loss of time in traveling. The superiority of Berkeley over Oakland and Alameda as a residence district has been recognized by the deaf for some time, and there

has been a slow but sure hegira to the college town. The latest addition to Berkeley's population is Mrs. S. Brownrigg of Oakland. It is said that Miss Florence Alexander of Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raymond of Alameda are soon to follow suit.

Kossuth Selig of San Francisco has been honored with the office of municipal treasurer of the Order of Americans. This office was conferred upon him at a banquet given by the Orders of San Francisco. At the same time Monroe Jacobs was made a member of the municipal board of supervisors.

Joseph Beck is a candidate for treasurer of Albany, a prosperous little town north of Oakland. This shows the deaf are beginning to assert their right to an active participation in politics.

Albany has a registration of 260 votes. Mr. Beck has the endorsement of the present mayor and numbers many friends among the voting population, he being one of the first three settlers in the town.

J. O. Harlan was for many years auditor of Woodland, Yolo county, a town of several thousand people.

Benjamin Wood of Oxnard, Ventura county, has been suffering from a nervous breakdown and is now in Los Angeles for medical treatment. We hope he will be on the road to good health before long.

## URGES A NEW CHAIR AT MINNE-SOTA.

Ernest Swangren, late of Minneapolis, now of Selah, Wash., was in Seattle for a few days viewing the Puget Sound country before isolating himself on his brother-in-law's fruit ranch in the Yakima valley, where he intends to study fruit growing methods. For several months Mr. Swangren attended the Minnesota Agricultural College, and upon his departure wrote a letter to the president and board of regents urging the establishment of a chair or department for deaf mutes, which they promised to take under consideration. Probably nothing will come of it unless the suggestion is earnestly and vigorously backed up by the deaf of that state. Such a chair, occupied by a hearing professor fully versed in the sign language, should be very attractive to a large number of the deaf who consider they would be greatly benefited by an agricultural and manual course in a higher institution of learning which they are now unable to secure except under considerable difficulty.

The pure oralists will now probably tell us their graduates do not need any special chair in attending such a college; they can take the course with the same ease their hearing brothers do. We doubt not that they could successfully go through such a college, just as numerous graduates of the combined system have successfully accomplished it, yet to receive the greatest benefit the oralists would need a special chair. A. W. W.

—The last issue of The Washingtonian contained a good picture of the publisher of this paper.

## TACOMA.

The Easter meeting of the Tahoma Club was a decided success.

With gifts of violets, carnations, daffodils and hyacinths, the members met at Mrs. Hutson's home on Rigney hill.

After the secretary had read the minutes of the previous meeting, the president gave a short talk on "Easter."

Mrs. Hammond, Mr. Hammond and Mrs. Thomas then rendered in signs "Nearer My God to Thee." Mrs. Hutson was then called upon, at her desire, to give us a few reminiscences of the late Mr. Hutson.

Miss Slegel followed with the song, "God's Promise." "An Easter Miracle" was the title of the story which Mrs. Wade gave us after that.

It now being Mr. Hammond's turn to give his dialogue, he selected Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Seeley and Dwight Chase to help him. The title of the dialogue was "An Easter Offering."

The program was finished with an Easter anthem rendered in signs.

Later on Mrs. Hutson served supper.

Albert Minnick is mourning over the loss of his faithful dog, Chumy, that was poisoned by some wretch a few days ago. Albert is afflicted with poor eyesight and Chumy, a white Spitz that Albert raised from a puppy, was always by his side to guide him safely home at nights. He never tired waiting on the street corners for the shows to come to an end. He would bark to attract Albert's attention, who would whistle, and then the dog would bound to his side, tumbled as could be at finding him. The night he got the poison the dog came home and twice climbed up and scratched the doorknob to let his master know he was there—something he never did before. When Mrs. Minnick opened the door he fell across the sill almost dead, but Albert was out and the poor, faithful dog died before he got home. Albert says no other dog can ever fill Chumy's place for intelligence and faithfulness.

## MT. VERNON NEWS.

Roy Hawley is still fingering type for the Mt. Vernon Argus. He has the opinion of sticking to a good job, and declares he is here to stay. Good for you, Roy.

Miss Grace Pritchard is still at home keeping house. The report that she was soon to go to Spokane was unfounded. She says she will be unable to leave until late in the spring.

Arthur Slightam, who has been working for the Pacific Picture Framing Co. for some time, expects to return to Spokane soon. He says he loves Seattle, "But oh you Spokane!"

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## LOS ANGELES, CAL.

By the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, St. Patrick's day was fittingly celebrated in honor of the local division, in the mammoth Fraternal Hall at 517 South Broadway St., on the night of March 17th. The hall was decorated very beautifully with green pieces of cloth in all sizes, containing the inscription of "Erin go Bragh," pictures of pipes, persons and violins, also in green linings, were fastened on the walls and under the ceiling.

A large sized piece of red cloth, bed in white letters, with golden paper stars between the lines of the letters, was inscribed with lodge name, the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, of the N. F. S. D., showed upon the west wall.

An assemblage of over 80 persons, including the Frats, visiting mutes and some hearing people, witnessed the exercises arranged by the reception committee. They admitted that it proved a fine and successful affair. About 8:30 o'clock Chairman E. M. Price called the meeting to order and invited President Miller of the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, to give the address of welcome.

The next speaker was Bro. Henry L. Fritz, a director, making a short speech on his first start to join the Chicago Division, No. 1. Secretary J. O. Harris followed next, making a spirited oration on the N. F. S. D. Bro. Regensburg, the state organizer for California, then spoke briefly. Mrs. Price, Mrs. Frank Ellis and Mrs. Fritz signed a song on the N. F. S. D. gracefully.

When the addresses were concluded a reception followed.

Bro. Price went out and disguised himself as Happy Hooligan. Bro. Price called up each member of the local branch, with his lady. While marching in a line by twos the committee handed out St. Patrick flags with long pins to the members, and pretty St. Patrick post cards to the ladies.

Mr. Amundsen's brother photographed them in a group by flashlight. It was the strongest light they ever saw. It turned out a most natural picture. Many have ordered it.

Games started with picking up peanuts from the floor running back and throwing them to their ladies. Bro. Miller won the prize. Another race of running to a table, picking pins off it and running back to the boys seated in chairs and putting the pins on their coat lapels was exercised by some ladies. Mrs. Cool beat them and got a prize. Time would not allow of more games.

The committee, aided by ladies and brothers, set green paper napkins on the long tables and served refreshments.

The members of the reception committee were Chairman Price and Brothers Dyson and Amundsen, and deserved the credit, but Bro. Price worked the hardest.

Messrs. Clarence H. Doane, Wm. Cole, Arthur Nolen, Winf. Mortimer and W. Ward have already joined the local division and will be initiated at the April meeting. The membership roll makes 15 in all now.

Any one who is in good standing and good health is advised to join the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, now.

In joining you help yourself, help others, too, and those of your own

class—a class that needs the help of each of its units to demonstrate it is capable of holding its own with anything. First think of it, then join it.

Mrs. A. M. Andrews has been house-keeping for Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Regensburg at Venice.

On the night of March 12 a meeting of the literary auxiliary was held, with Vice-President Nolen in the chair, at the club headquarters. I. Selig delivered a love story. A. Depew signed a poem. Misses Ida Miller and Schultz gave a dialogue called "The Princess and the Countess." The program was good and interesting.

The exhibition of recent paintings by Granville Redmond opened Monday at the Kanst gallery, to continue open to the public for two weeks. About 25 canvases are hung, the most of which have not been exhibited before.

Mr. Redmond is a graduate of the California State School for the Deaf, at Berkeley, some ten years ago. He was once an Angeles resident. He and his family live in the central part of this state. He is a jolly talker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kent, lately of Columbus, Ohio, are permanent dwellers of Los Angeles. Mrs. Kent, nee Miss Margaret Kennedy, was a two-year-term teacher at the Iowa School for the Deaf about 21 years ago. She met her old pupil, Orvie Harris, again for the first time two weeks ago. They talked over old times. She remembers the other Hawkeye scholars, living here.

A small party of the merry-go-round men and ladies flocked like a swarm of birds to Leon Fish's ranch on 6A—OBSERVER Meh 29 Roberts March 20, and ate "roasted" chicken and a good dinner. Mr. Fish seems doing well with his poultry business.

Julius Bente, an Evansville, Indiana, resident, is on our streets at present.

A. E. Volker, of Glendale, is going to take government land in the north-western part of California soon.

Club Amapola will celebrate its fifth anniversary on April 16 and hire a large hall for the night, where a larger crowd of visiting friends may invade. Come one by one—all.

C. H. Doane left here for San Francisco on March 11, where he was received at a reception of the Gallaudet assembly, No. 14. He was married to Miss May F. Ikin at Berkeley on the afternoon of March 17. Both are graduates from the California State School. Mr. Doane is a printer by trade. They came home March 23. His grand-

mother entertained some of his friends at the reception in honor of the bride and bridegroom in the evening of the next day. Wish them a happy married life.

Mrs. A. M. Andrews has invited a large number of gentlemen and lady friends to a treat in honor of Miss Anamel Kent, and Mr. and Mrs. Doane, on the night of April 2, at her daughter's residence, 1920 N. Broadway, St.

Miss Bessie Taylor's parents have purchased a large lot in Santa Monica on which a new house will be built for their residence in the fall, but they will return home back east in April.

Emrel Runge has been employed in a mattress factory a few weeks past and will probably stay at the job as long as he can.

Miss Ida Miller was given a real surprise party for her birthday by her girl cousin at her home on the night of March 23. It was quite an enjoyable time. She was highly pleased to receive some pretty and useful gifts. Whist was played. Mrs. Wornsteff won first prize and Mrs. Cool got a booby prize. Julius Bente won first prize and Arthur Nolen received the booby prize. Refreshments were then served.

The club Amapola held a whist tournament on the night of March 19. Mrs. Cool and Mr. Bente won the prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Presley reside on Boyle Heights and enjoy the country air finely at present.

James Darney bade Club Amapola farewell, serving the members and ladies with ice cream, March 19. He departed for San Francisco Thursday, March 23, where he will stay for awhile and thence he will go to Seattle.

Herbert Cavanagh, of Wolcottville, Ind., has been raising strawberries for seventeen years. Last October the state Entomologist visited Herbert's strawberry patch and he said the patch was the finest he ever saw. Herbert is said to be one of the best growers in Northern Indiana. He was one of the members of the class of 1890.—Silent Hoosier (Ind.)

It is a dangerous thing to write.—Palmetto Leaf.

Yes, but an editor has to take the chances, if he expects to hold his job.—California News.



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## SPOKANE, WASH.

On March 19th the Spokane Association of the deaf held its regular literary meeting. The program on the docket was a mock trial. Frank Masopust was on trial for holding up a fast mail. The prosecution rested upon Alfred Arnot, while Audley Carl was the defendant's attorney. G. T. Nordhousen was foreman of the jury, while P. L. Axling wore the judicial robes. Edwin Whipple was the bailiff. The case was opened by the prosecuting attorney making his charge against the prisoner, and the latter was ably defended by his attorney. When each side rested the jury retired and reached a verdict. The foreman announced that it was "not guilty," and the prisoner was immediately released and the case disposed of.

Following the trial there was a special session to take up some business that had been tabled at the last regular meeting. The next regular meeting occurs Saturday, April 2.

Gilman Nordhousen has been working for some time in the Spokesman-Review ad alley, but is not now there. He had intended to go to San Francisco this week or next to enter the linotype school there, but has not yet secured his traveling card and will not leave till he does. After finishing his course in San Francisco he expects to come back to "dear old Spokane."

The Axling family and True Partridge were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bertram at their home on Lincoln Heights, Sunday before last. On Saturday last a few of the silent population of Spokane went out there to enjoy "an evening at home" with the Bertrams. It was an informal affair, and those who were present were: Mr. and Mrs. Toner, and little Helen, Mr. Nordhousen and Miss Myra Ford, Mr. Axling and Mr. Whipple.

Jas. H. O'Leary, who now has a situation in the ad rooms of the Inland Herald, informs us that Mrs. O'Leary and Jim will be in Spokane next Sunday, to make their permanent residence.

Mrs. E. H. Bixler and children passed through Spokane, Sunday morning on their way to North Manchester, Ind., where they will remain several months. Mr. Bixler stays at Wenatchee and will continue his photograph business.

The other day John Toner discovered Toner's comet in the heavens to the west of his home. We have not heard that scientists have gone crazy over this comet as they have over Halley's. Probably they will not—for the "comet" was the cluster of lights on the cross over the new Sacred Heart hospital. Viewed from the Toner home, it very much resembled a real comet, and Mr. Toner believed it was, until some unfeeling fellow enlightened him.

Audley Carl, we are informed, has been laying off from work the last few days. He has a good situation with Mitchem Bros. & Co. and would not likely lay off longer than to rest up.

John Toner is wearing out good shoe leather looking for a house to purchase. He has decided to leave the ranks of the renters as soon as possible and bide a wee under his own vine and fig tree.

## CHICAGO.

The lecture on Quo Vadis given by C. C. Codman in the chapel of the First Methodist Episcopal Church on Saturday evening, Feb. 26th, drew a goodly crowd, despite the inclemency of the weather. Rev. Whildin who was the guest of Rev. Flick, was among the visitors at this lecture. Another visitor was Miss Anna Nessel, one of the supervisors at the Jacksonville School for the Deaf.

This lecture netted about \$12, which went to the Old People's Home Fund.

The Epworth League social was given at the home of the brother of Charles Sharpnack, Saturday evening, March 12. As usual it was a pleasant affair. Among the games indulged in was a contest in sewing on buttons among the gentlemen present. A piece of goods, several buttons, and a needle and thread were given each one, who was required to sew on the buttons the best he could. The prize was awarded to Gus Reinke. The funny part of it was that there was a former tailor present and it was naturally expected he would win the prize as Mr. Reinke is a machinist. This affair was managed by Miss Grace Knight, who is the Vice-President of the Department of Literary and Social Work of the Epworth League.

These socials are given each alternate month, the literary meetings coming in between.

Some of the visitors at the Methodist church the past few weeks were:

Henry White, of Jacksonville, Ill.; Frank Jackson, of Colorado, who with his wife and children are spending the year with Mrs. Jackson's mother in the southwest part of Chicago; Marion Galloway Giffin, of St. Clairsville, Ohio, who was on his way from the west to his home in the east. He stopped with his old schoolmate of the Mt. Airy School, Mrs. Herbert Gunner, nee Miss German of Morgan Park, a suburb of Chicago.

Mr. F. W. Sibitzsky is on the sick list, and is at the St. Elizabeth Hospital. Mr. Liebenstein is also on the sick list, he being confined in the Michael Reese Hospital. Both patients are reported as improving.

Mrs. Jemima Raffington, one of the oldest deaf residents of Chicago, she being about seventy-two, has been confined to her bed at her son's residence in Rogers Park well-nigh eight months. She was stricken by paralysis about the 17th of July and is unable to move her right side.

Naturally strong and active she finds it rather trying to lie in bed so quiet from day to day. She finds much pleasure in reading and receiving visitors these days. It pleases her when her deaf friends can come to see her and bring her news from the outside world.

Mrs. Frank E. Philpott is thinking about going to Clendennin, W. Va., with her baby Frankie, to be with her aged parents until fall. Mr. Philpott will remain in Chicago as he has a good and lucrative position at Rand-McNally's.

Mr. Arnot of South Bend, Indiana, has moved to Chicago and settled down in the southern part of the city near the University of Chicago, where his two sons are preparing for the ministry. His daughter is perfecting herself for a musician.

The Susannah Wesley Circle met at Mrs. P. J. Hasenstab's this month, on Thursday the 17th, St. Patrick's Day. Among the talks given was one on

"Foods," and their Nutritive Value."

Rev. P. J. Hasenstab and his assistant are both out of the city on preaching tours. The deaconess is shepherding the home flock.

The fourteenth of this month being Miss Cora Jacob's birthday, about a score of her friends gathered at her home on Prairie Ave. and spent a pleasant evening with her. Among the presents given her were an Epworth League badge, a dainty box of violets, and a beautiful silver berryspoon, also a hand made handkerchief.

Those present were, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Sonneborn, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Philpott and baby, Mr. Zollinger and his sister, Miss Ruth, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Left, Miss Knight, Mr. Verity, Miss Peck, Mr. Hopper, Misses Marks and Dunn, Mr. Gibney, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Sharpnack and the deaconess.

## PROHIBITION IN KANSAS.

Governor W. R. Stubbs of Kansas in a recent speech in Chicago had the following to say of prohibition:

"Prohibition in Kansas is not a result of atmospheric conditions," said Gov. Stubbs. "The climate has nothing to do with it. Reason was at the bottom of it all. As a result the Kansas people today are better fed, better sheltered, have finer homes, larger families and bigger bank accounts."

"The cry of anti-prohibitionists that wiping out the saloons would bring but stagnation, has been utterly refuted. I have proof by which, figuratively speaking, I think I have my foot on the necks of those who circulate anti-prohibition talk."

"It was said three years ago that the wiping out of Wichita's saloons would ruin the town. Today, with no saloons, that town has doubled its population, more than doubled its bank account, has better people, less crime and more schools."

"I have just received letters and telegrams from the mayors of twenty cities and towns, and they all agree that the day statewide prohibition went into effect in Kansas was its brightest."

## A BUSY MAN.

George William Veditz is a busy man these days. In addition to attending to an immense correspondence connected with the N. A. D., he also cares for from three to nine incubators and any quantity of fowls.

On a recent day he shipped stock to a California point, eggs to another locality in the same state, and stocked a small ranch in the same state, besides shipping eggs to two Colorado points. Mr. Veditz evidently makes a big success of whatever he undertakes.

## SHOWING OUR COLORS.

L. O. Christenson, a member of No. 202, is the publisher of the only paper in the country for deaf mutes that carries the union label. It is known as The Observer, and it keeps him hustling, as most of the publications of this kind are issued from state institutions and schools, and are not commercial enterprises. — National Typographical Journal.

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